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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **Richard Allirot** ) Examiner: **Vu, Phuong T.**  
Serial No.: **10/782,068** )  
Filed: **February 19, 2004** )  
For: **"AN I/O EXPANSION SYSTEM AND** ) Our Ref: **B-5383 621725-7**  
**A CONNECTOR THEREFOR"** )  
 ) Date: December 19, 2005  
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Re: Amendment After Final  
Rejection Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §  
1.116

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2005, a response to which is due no later than January 19, 2006, the Applicant submits this amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.114 and 1.116. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.